

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

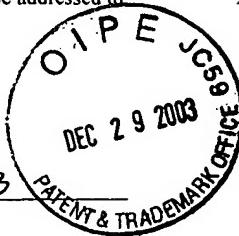
On December 23, 2003

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: Mark T. Davis

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 022302-000110US

2143



RECEIVED

JAN 02 2004

Technology Center 2100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lianghe Zuo

Application No.: 10/643,735

Filed: August 19, 2003

For: SPAM CONTROL SYSTEM
REQUIRING UNAUTHORIZED
SENDERS TO PAY POSTAGE
THROUGH AN INTERNET PAYMENT
SERVICE WITH PROVISION FOR
REFUND ON ACCEPTED MESSAGES

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: 2143

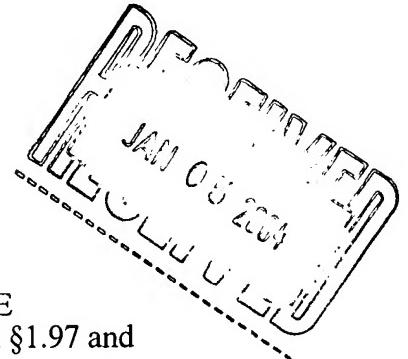
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 10/066,517, filed January 31, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 022302-000110US). It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

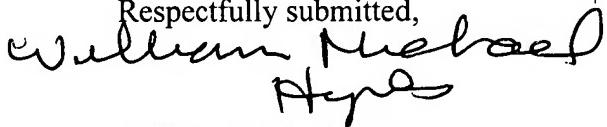
As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no



representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

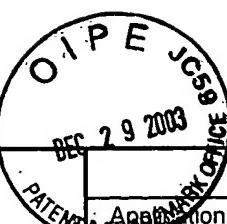
Respectfully submitted,



William Michael Hynes
Reg. No. 24,168

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 415-576-0200
Fax: 415-576-0300
WMH:mtd
60097061 v1

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO			<i>Complete if Known</i>		
			Application Number	10/643,735	
			Filing Date	August 19, 2003	
			First Named Inventor	Zuo, Lianghe	
			Art Unit	2143	
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	Attorney Docket Number	022302-000110US	



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS+					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	AA	US 6,052,709	04-18-2000	Paul	
	AB	US 6,161,130	12-12-2000	Horvitz et al.	
	AC	US 6,249,805	06-19-2001	Felming, III	
	AD	US 6,266,692	07-24-2001	Greenstein	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY

RECEIVED
JAN 02 2004
Technology Center 2100

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

60097061 v1